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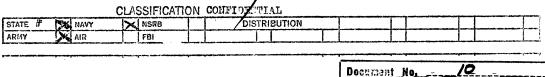
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- Following the occupation of Canton, most of CH9 FM Keng9 s forces moved through 1. the city and on up the West River, leaving behind a security detachment of about 5,000 men. Crimes of violence even during Laylight hours are common. This rime wave sharply increased when the police were disarred, which was done against the advice of local non-Communist leaders.
- A preminent Canton educator and his wife were held up and robbed in daylight on a busy Canton street by four men. The robbery took place within stellt an armed Communist sentry. When the robbers left, the professor complained to the sentry. The soldier, a northerner, replied plaintively, "They rob us, too The soldier went on to explain that individual sentries and army patrols were often set upon by armed bands during the hours of darkness and stripped of their weapons, insignia, uniforms and equipment.
- On two occasions, warbers of the Canton Military Control Cormission have been fired on while travelling through the city by motor. Mone of the would-be assassins have been apprehended.
- Apparently unarmed groups of thugs were seen stopping travelers at the approaches to the central Canton railroad station. Those who complained to sentries standing nearby were generally invoced. In one instance, however, sentries seized a thug, lectured him on his "bad citizenship" and turned him loose.

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